

MONTANA PUBLIC DEFENDER COMMISSION
Approval of Rates - Mental Health Evaluations

GOAL: Commission approval of a “not to exceed” rate for all services except under special circumstances as approved by the Chief Public Defender.

LEVEL OF SERVICE – FOLLOWED BY TASKS

..... **PRICE RANGE**.....
LOW-END HIGH-END APPROVED

1. Psychologist/M.D.

○ Consultation (Rate/Hr.)	\$90	\$250	\$
○ Screening (Rate/Hr.)	\$90	\$225	\$
○ Document Review (Rate/Hr.)	\$90	\$175	\$
○ Analysis/Report Writing (Rate/Hr.)	\$90	\$175	\$
○ Computer generated testing (Flat fee)	\$25	\$50	\$
○ Court Testimony	Open		\$
○ Windshield time (Rate/Hr.)	percentage of approved rate		\$

Please note: Some fees are not calculated per hour but are per service. Please see the PowerPoint presentation for examples.

2. Licensed Clinical Social Worker (LCSW)—percentage of Ph.D./M.D. rate (i.e. 60% Ph.D./M.D. rate)

○ Consultation (Rate/Hr.)	percentage of Ph.D./M.D. rate	\$
○ Screening (Rate/Hr.)	same	\$
○ Document Review (Rate/Hr.)	same	\$
○ Analysis/Report Writing (Rate/Hr.)	same	\$
○ Computer generated testing (Flat fee)	\$25 \$50	\$
○ Court Testimony (Open)	percentage of Ph.D./M.D. rate	\$
○ Windshield time (Rate/Hr.)	percentage of approved rate	\$

3. Licensed Professional Counselor (LCPC) —percentage of Ph.D./M.D. rate (i.e. 60% Ph.D./M.D. rate)

○ Consultation (Rate/Hr.)	percentage of Ph.D./M.D. rate	\$
○ Screening (Rate/Hr.)	same	\$
○ Document Review (Rate/Hr.)	same	\$

**4. Licensed Addiction Counselor (LAC) —percentage of Ph.D./M.D. rate (i.e. 60% Ph.D./M.D. rate)
OR fixed fee (Chemical Dependency Evaluations only)**

○ Consultation (Rate/Hr.)	percentage of Ph.D./M.D. rate	\$
○ Screening (Rate/Hr.)	same	\$
○ Document Review (Rate/Hr.)	same	\$
○ Analysis/Report Writing (Rate/Hr.)	same	\$
○ Computer generated testing (Flat fee)	\$25 \$50	\$
○ Court Testimony (Open)	percentage of Ph.D./M.D. rate	\$
○ Windshield time (Rate/Hr.)	percentage of approved rate	\$

Please note: these specialized evaluations start at \$250/evaluation.

Other relevant information:

Montana insurance reimbursement averages for Ph.D./M.D. services = \$131.25/hour

Recent RVU's = \$97.02/hour for an evaluation

LCSW rates are around 60% that of Ph.D./M.D. rates

LCPC rates are lower than LCSW, or for some insurance companies, the rate is the same

Please refer to the fee information PowerPoint presentation for specific examples.